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Rudd,

One thing we did not discuss on the call today was who is going to coordinate with BoR. BoR needs to concur with this instruction before we finalize it and provide it to the Technical Committee. If you are fine with it, Mike Gearheard can coordinate with BoR after we finalize the language between us. I am out of the office until 8/25/08, but Mike will manage this matter in the meantime.

My draft of a task request to the Technical Committee for your review follows. Thanks Rudd.

#### DRAFT Task Request

The Columbia River Temperature TMDL Policy Committee requests that the Technical Committee provide the following information:

- 1) the pros and cons of a TMDL assessment and modeling effort limited to the segment of the Columbia River from the Canadian Border to the tailrace of the Grand Coulee Dam;
- 2) the pros and cons of a TMDL assessment and modeling effort that in addition to the segment above, would also include the segment of the Snake River from Dworshak dam to the confluence of the Snake River with the Columbia River; and,
- 3) an analysis of the assessment options for both of these scenarios and what level of effort (e.g., fte, dollars) and time would be necessary for the various options (e.g., measurement method, 1-D and 2-D modeling).

It is anticipated by the Policy Committee that the level of information provided by the Technical Committee would be best professional judgement from the mile high level. The purpose of the request is to provide the Policy Committee a relative sense of the advantages and level of effort for pursuing different alternatives for initiating a TMDL analysis for a limited portion of the Columbia River.